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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6859

BILL NUMBER: SB 257

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 22, 2010

BILL AMENDED: Jan 21, 2010

SUBJECT: Commission for Higher Education.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Kruse

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides that a full-time employee of a state public or private college or university (except for one faculty member) may not be a member of the Commission for Higher Education.

The bill allows a member of the Commission to attend a meeting of the Commission by means of a communication device if a quorum of members is physically in attendance at the meeting.

The bill provides that when reviewing a proposed building project for a state educational institution, the Commission must complete the review not later than 90 days after the proposal was submitted for review.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The provision not allowing a full-time employee of a state public or private college or university (except for one faculty member) to be a member of the Commission for Higher Education should have no fiscal impact. Current law does not allow any employee (except for one faculty member) to be a member of the Commission.

Allowing a member to attend a meeting of the Commission by means of a communication device could have some minor fiscal impact depending on the device used. The communication method must permit simultaneous communication between the member and all Commission members participating in the meeting and the general public present at the meeting.

(Revised) The requirement that the Commission must complete the review of a proposed building project

for a state educational institution not later than 90 days after the proposal was submitted for review should not have any fiscal impact. Under current law, approval by the Commission is required if requested by the Budget Agency or the Budget Committee.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State educational institutions, Commission for Higher Education.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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